

Improving Understanding of Deep Convection Life Cycle Using LASSO-CACTI

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More detailed LASSO-CACTI talk at the Deep Convection Lifecycle Breakout on Wed.



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What is LASSO & LASSO-CACTI?

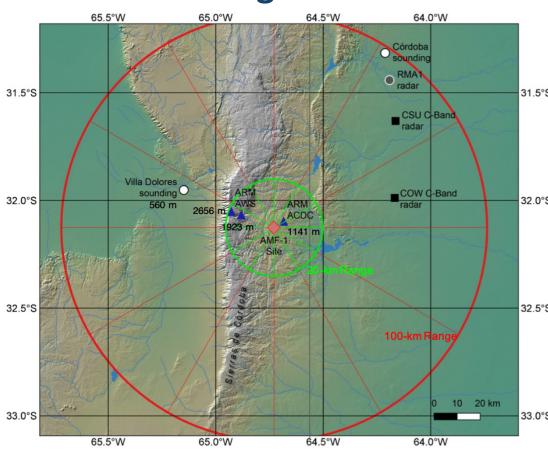


► LASSO = <u>LES ARM Symbiotic Simulation and Observation</u>

► LASSO seeks to add value to ARM observations by using high-resolution modeling to bridge scale gaps and add context to observations

► LASSO will use large-eddy simulation (LES) to simulate ~10 CACTI cases with results released in 2022

Map of CACTI Deployment in Argentina

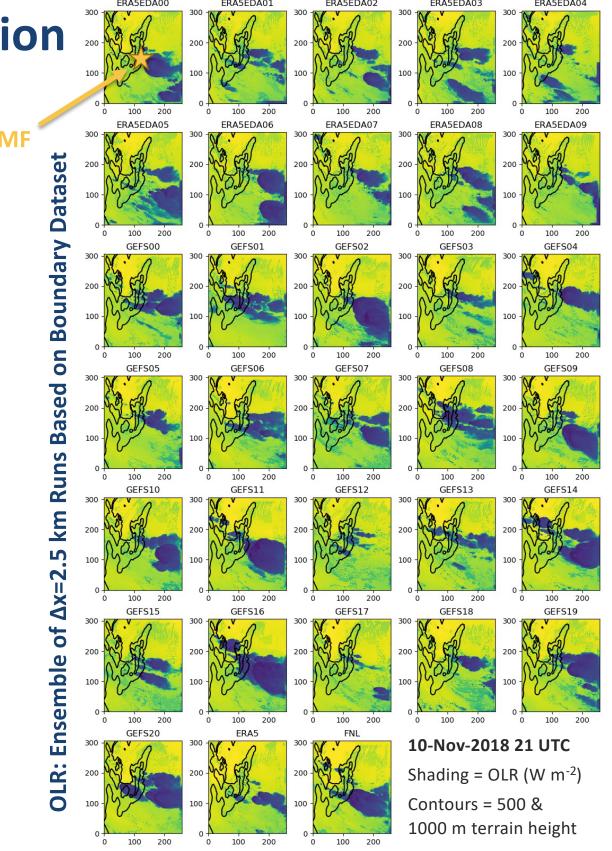




Mesoscale ensembles for case selection and LES boundary condition choices

➤ Ran mesoscale ensembles for 20 candidate case dates—example for 10-Nov-2018 at right

- 33 ensemble members based on ERA5, ERA5 Ensemble, FNL, and GFS Ensemble
- Nested down to 2.5 km grid spacing
- Best performing ensemble members identified based on cloud comparison to GOES-16 IR data
- ► Will use the chosen mesoscale runs as boundary conditions for the LES
- ► Will make available the full mesoscale ensembles along with the fewer number of LES runs



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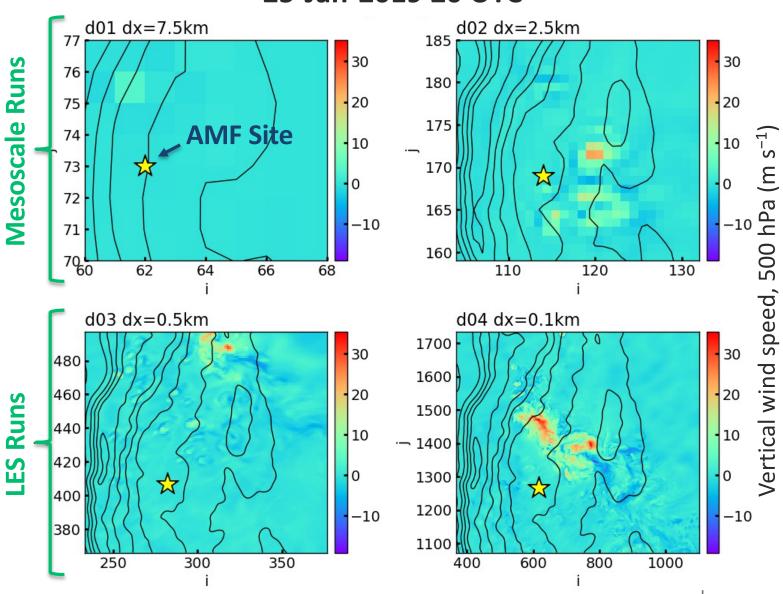
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Large-eddy simulations for CACTI

- ► Using a 4-nest WRF configuration $\Delta x=7.5 \text{ km} + 2.5 \text{ km}$, Ndown to 500 m + 100 m
- ▶ Panels at right demonstrate increased detail available in up/down-drafts gained at dx=100 m
 - Topographic ridge & slope captured more accurately in terrain dataset at high resolution
 - Note ringing of downdrafts more prominently seen at dx=500 m (d03)
 - Getting more natural, turbulent looking drafts at dx=100 m (d04)

Resolution Comparison for WRF Domains Vertical Velocity at 500 hPa 25-Jan-2019 20 UTC



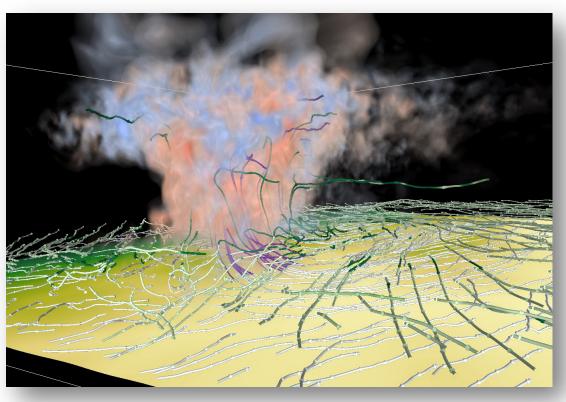
Contours = Terrain height, 300 m interval

What outputs should be provided?



- ► Beyond typical WRF output, what variables do you want to see from the LES?
 - Basic microphysical process rates
 - Variables necessary for running CR-SIM
 - Converted WRF nuances, e.g., destaggered winds, P+PB
- ► How frequently should output be provided for each scale?
 - $\triangle x = 7.5$ km and 2.5 km domains \rightarrow 15 min.
 - $\Delta x = 500 \text{ m} \rightarrow 15 \text{ min.}$
 - $\Delta x = 100 \text{ m} \rightarrow 5 \text{ or } 15 \text{ min. for full run}$ 1 min. for several hours around initiation 10 sec. for short period (how long?)

WRF, $\Delta x = 100$ m Vertical Velocity of Cloud Core Region and Streamlines, 25-Jan-2021 20 UTC



View: from SE of AMF Site

Shading: Red=W Up; Blue=W Down

Streamlines: Seeds at 2 km AMSL (white-to-purple) and

5 km AMSL (light to dark green); darker colors indicate w/n cloud



Join us for a LASSO-CACTI session this summer! Join the community: new online forum for LASSO!



- Check out the new online forum for LASSO: https://discourse.adc.arm.gov/
 - Use it for user support, discussing scenario development, and related topics around LASSO and ARM

- ▶ Join us for an online session to discuss finalizing LASSO-CACTI details
 - Date and time to be determined; will likely happen this summer
 - Will advertise via the LASSO email list and the ARM newsletter

